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In Re Application of:)
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Inventors: Voutsas et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/696,813) ATTORNEY FILE NO.
) SLA 468
Filed: October 25, 2000) Customer No.: 27518
Title: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
AND A METHOD OF CREAT-) Examiner: K.D. Nguyen
ING THE SAME UTILIZING)
METAL INDUCED CRYSTAL-)
LIZATION WHILE SUPPRESS-)
ING PARTIAL SOLID PHASE)
CRYSTALLIZATION) Confirmation No.: 3618

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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This amendment and request for continued examination
responds to a final Office Action dated January 6, 2004 in the above-
identified application. Please amend and reconsider as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.

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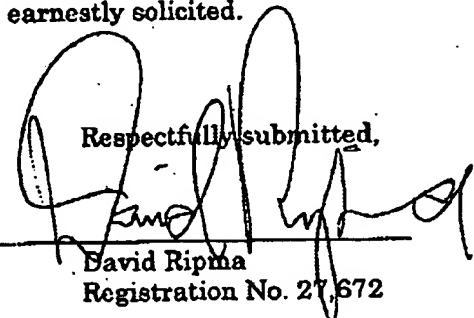
the claimed invention recites a higher annealing temperature and shorter time duration. As discussed above, the critical nature of the process times and durations are explored in detail in the specification in pages 11-18. Since Yamazaki neither explicitly describes, nor suggests modifications that would make the claimed invention obvious, the Applicant requests that the rejection be removed.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) requesting a three-month extension, together with a deposit account authorization for the fee therefore..

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Date: 7/2/04

Respectfully submitted,


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